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SUBJECT: NICKEL DIALOGUE

REF: CANBERRA 6163, CANBERRA 6383, STATE 187764,
STATE 183006

1. AUSTRALIAN INTENTION OF RAISING NICKEL FORUM IDEA WITH
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GAO TEAM CONCERNS US BECAUSE OF THE CURRENTLY SENSITIVE
STAGE OF INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS. WE INTEND TO
ADDRESS QUESTIONS RAISED IN CANBERRA 6383 IN SEPTEL BUT,
IN THE MEANTIME, WISH TO AVOID ANY CONFUSION WHICH ARRIVAL
OF GAO TEAM MIGHT CAUSE IN AUSTRALIAN PERCEPTIONS OF U.S.
POSITION ON NICKEL FORUM.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO BRIEF GAO ON NICKEL ISSUE BEFORE GAO TEAM BEGINS MEETINGS W-TH AUSTRALIANS, SOLICITING GAO'S COOPERATION IN REDIRECTING DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS AWAY FROM NICKEL FORUM SHOULD AUSTRALIANS ATTEMPT TO RAISE THE ISSUE. EMBASSY IS TO SEEK TO ENSURE THAT NO CHANGE IN OUR POSITION ON NICKEL FORUM IS PERCEIVED BY AUSTRALIANS AS THE RESULT OF CONTACT WITH GAO. WE DO NOT WISH AT THIS TIME TO IMPLY EITHER A HARDENING OR SOFTENING OF THE CAREFULLY WORDED LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 2 STATE 183006. WE APPRECIATE

EMBASSY'S PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO AUSTRALIANS (PARA 9, CANBERRA 6383) BUT DO NOT WISH TO AMPLIFY ON THAT UNTIL WE HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO CONSIDER IN MORE DETAIL THE AUSTRALIAN RESPONSE.

3. AS APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY MAY PLACE CONSTRAINTS ON GAO CONTACTS WITH AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS, AS PER PARA 3 STATE 187764, IN ORDER TO AVOID ENTERING INTO BROAD-GUAGE INTERGOVERNMENTAL DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE NICKEL MARKET AND THE DESIRABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL DISCUSSION GROUP OF NICKEL PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES.

4. PLEASE REPORT FULLY ON ANY DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH AUSTRALIANS TRY TO ENGAGE GAO IN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NICKEL FORUM. VANCE

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